

DIARY NOTES

5 December 1958

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DD/S [REDACTED]

25X1A9a 1. I checked with [REDACTED] who assured me that Harrison and Abramovitz are supposed to complete the plans for the building on the 10th of December and that we would advertise for bids on the 18th of December. H

25X1A9a 2. [REDACTED] queried me as to whether or not we should go ahead with the transfer of his Administrative people into the Administration Career Service inasmuch as we seemed to be overstaffed. I told him that I thought we should very definitely go ahead since these people are not communicators and it is to their advantage that they get into the Administration Service and become competitive as soon as possible. H

3. I advised Colonel Edwards that it was the unanimous opinion of the Career Council that it would not be worthwhile exploring the possibilities of providing additional retirement benefits for his people such as those enjoyed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Accordingly, I requested that he not, in agreement with [REDACTED] pursue a study of this nature. H 25X1A9a

4. Pat Coyne, National Security Council, telephoned me to say that Frank Ecker, Bureau of the Budget, had spent some time with him yesterday at the request of Bob Macy to find out what was being done in the counter-audio field. Pat said that he gave Frank a complete rundown and thought they would not bother him again on this matter; however, he requested that if they should call us again we let him know without delay. 25X1A6a

25X1A9a 5. In order to provide office space for [REDACTED] I authorized [REDACTED] to 25X1A9a
25X1A9a move [REDACTED] on his Staff to [REDACTED] I also authorized him to assign Lou 25X1A9a
25X1A9a [REDACTED] to the Office of Communications pending the return of [REDACTED]
25X1A9a and to assign [REDACTED] to his immediate Staff for the time being. He reported that Gardner
25X1A9a [REDACTED] is all set to become the Administrative Officer in the IO Division and both the
Division and Gardner seem to be happy about this situation.

25X1A9a 6. Bob Macy, Bureau of the Budget, telephoned to advise me that Elmer Staats and others from the Bureau testified before the Davis Manpower Committee yesterday. There was considerable discussion of outside contracting by governmental agencies and the Committee apparently alleged that this was being done on too many occasions merely to evade a personnel ceiling or to pay higher salaries than could be paid under the governmental classification system. Bob thought that I might be interested in reading this testimony and I have asked [REDACTED] to get a copy for me.

25X1A9a 7. [REDACTED] was in to say goodbye prior to departing for Europe. He is scheduled to return about 21 December.

25X1A9a 8. I spent most of the afternoon at a briefing by [REDACTED] and his people on what they are doing in an effort to mechanize the registry function in the DD/P Area. They have made substantial progress and it will be too bad if, for budgetary reasons, we are unable to go forward with their plans for the future. H

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25X1A9a 10. I talked to [REDACTED] and told him that I thought we should try to persuade him to resign and that if we could not do so he should be put in the
25X1A9a selection-out machinery. He reported later that [REDACTED] would resign effective 15 March 1958.

25X1A9a 11. I suggested to Larry Houston that he get in touch with [REDACTED] and propose
25X1A9a [REDACTED] as an Administrative Officer [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
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